Computer Sciences, receiving the grant-in-aid from the Central Government, during the last five years; and

(b) the number of students from SC/ST communities among them and their percentage?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Sir, Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior (started during 1998-1999) and Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (started during 1999-2000) are two Institutes of Information Technology that have been receiving the grant-in-aid from the Central Government, during the last five years. The HIT, Allahabad, has been running Four-Years Graduate Course in Information Technology and had admitted 15% and 8% students from SC and ST communities respectively—for the last two years, since inception. The IIITM, Gwalior, has been running PGDMIT programme from 1998-99 and Five-years Integrated (PGDMIT/ PGDIT) programme from 2000-2001, and the percentage of SC candidates admitted has been more than 15%, ever since inception, ST candidates around 6%. For the other programme PGDIT, started during 1999-2000, no SC/ST candidate could qualify.

Strengthening Elementary Education

3529. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to strengthen elementary education set-up in the country, as the present state of educational infrastructure in rural India is rather dismal, as a recent study has revealed that only 38.5 per cent of primary schools have no black boards and about 56 per cent have no pucca buildings; and

(b) if so, by when elementary education facilities would be available to all the eligible children in the country, by augmenting State Government resources in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations in strengthening elementary education infrastructure through Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Programmes such as Operation Blackboard and District Primary Education Programme (DPEP).

As per sixth All India Educational Survey (1993) 83.73% primary schools and 89.30% upper primary schools had pucca and partly pucca buildings. However,'34.60% primary sections were found to be deficient in black boards.

Under the Scheme of Operation Blackboard (OB), 1.82 lakhs classrooms have been constructed and financial assistance for Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE) including black boards has been provided to 5,22,902 primary schools and to 127,257 upper primary schools.

District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is currently in operation in 219 districts in 15 States. It provides for improvement of physical infrastructure facilities and manpower resources in primary school. Under this programme 8,000 formal school have been added and another 15,000 are in pipeline. 38,000 alternative schooling centres of various kinds have been set up and about 75,000 more are planned. A new scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has now been proposed to achieve holistic convergence of all schemes/ programmes of elementary education to provide education to all children in the age group of 6.14 years by the year 2010.

Development of coaching terminal at Anand Vihar

3530. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development of Coaching Terminal at Anand Vihar is included in the work programme for 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with facilities proposed and cost worked out for the project;

(c) whether Government have taken the precautions not to shift existing platforms for EMUs in the name of planning procedure/technical ground while sanctioning the above project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and proposed location of new platforms to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However, a proposal has been received from Northern Railway for inclusion of the work in the Works Programme 2001-2002. A final decision on the proposal will be taken at the time of preparation of Budget for the year 2001-2002.